

# Supreme Court

The Supreme Court of the United States is the highest federal court in the United States of America. It consists of the Chief Justice of the United States and eight Associate Justices, who are nominated by the President and confirmed with the "advice and consent" of the Senate. Justices of the Supreme Court are appointed to serve for life, and they can only be removed by resigning or by Congress through the Impeachment process. No justice has ever been successfully removed from office by Congress, though many have resigned before death.

The Supreme Court is the only court established by the United States Constitution; all other federal courts are created by Congress. The Court holds both original and appellate jurisdiction, but the latter is by far used more often. Like other federal courts, the Supreme Court may exercise the power of judicial review, or the power to declare federal or state laws, as well as the actions of federal and state executives, unconstitutional. The decisions of the Supreme Court may not be appealed to any other body; as Justice Robert H. Jackson once famously remarked, "We are not final because we are infallible, but we are infallible only because we are final."

The Supreme Court meets in Washington, D.C., in the U.S. Supreme Court building. The court is sometimes referred to by the acronyms SCOTUS (Supreme Court of the United States) and USSC (United States Supreme Court).

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## Websites You May Want to Visit

Supreme Court of the United States

<http://www.supremecourtus.gov/index.html>

The Supreme Court Historical Society

<http://www.supremecourthistory.org/>

Wikipedia

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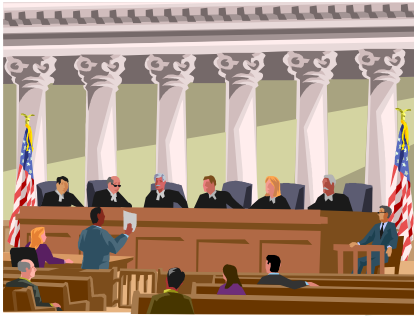
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*The Supreme Court* by Brendan January

This book explores how the Court was created and has changed over time. Some of the Court's most significant decisions, such as *Brown v. Board of Education*, are also explored.

*The Supreme Court* by Kay Cornelius

Surveys the history, decisions, justices, and controversies of the highest court in the land.



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*You Are the Supreme Court Justice* by Nathan Aaseng

A presentation of eight significant 20th-century Supreme Court decisions, offering the options available to the justices and encouraging readers to make their own choices.

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Name the Justices who did each of the following.

1. actuary
2. professional football player
3. custom's collector
4. newspaper owner
5. practicing physician
6. singing teacher
7. page boy in the State Senate
8. semi-pro baseball
9. violinist in a jazz band
10. insurance accountant

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